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## HON. JOHN R. TYSON, OF MONTGOMERY

### Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, Rings a Clear Baptist Note on Religious Liberty at Dothan

Showing That "From the First the Denomination has Been of the People and for the People--It is the Democratic Church of the Civilized World."

The distinguished honor has been conferred upon me by our most worthy president of responding, in behalf of the members of this convention, to the generous welcome of hospitality extended to us by the good people of this magic city of the wiregrass. It is, indeed, an act of graciousness on the part of your people to make us guests at your homes, to extend to us the privileges of your firesides and the bounty of your boards, in a manner that is in vogue only among and peculiar to the people of the south. I feel assured that I can bespeak for every member of the convention a keen sense of appreciation of your warm welcome and inimitable hospitality which we are enjoying and which we will enjoy during our stay among you.

May I be pardoned, on this occasion, for expressing the hope that our visit to you may be replete with results of inestimable benefit to you, to us, to the churches we have the honor to represent, and to the people at large of this great commonwealth.

If we can, each of us, catch the inspiration, from the example you have set, of excluding from your city the greatest curse of the American people, and carry back that inspiration to our homes and firesides, our friends and our neighbors, and with an enthusiasm worthy of the cause, imbue our constituency with a proper appreciation of its importance to the well-being of the body politic, to the individual citizen, to the wife, mother and sister, and to the churches, our assembling here, if nothing more be accomplished, can not be accounted a failure. And should we be prompted to actively aid the cause of temperance, which will soon possess the strongholds of the liquor traffic in this state, and to assist in impressing the people with the importance of not surrendering, after victory, a foot of territory won, which can only be held by an uncompromising and rigorous enforcement of the law, when violated, our meeting with you must indeed be counted a blessing.

On the other hand, if this convention can successfully impress upon the minds of the people of your city and of the state some of the principles for which Baptists have always stood, our coming among you will be of benefit to you. From the apostolic period they have been the persistent champions of Christian missions. They were the first of the English-speaking churches, in the year 1784, to undertake the work of foreign missions—of sending the gospel to the heathen. They have been the advance guard in the battle for the supremacy of civilization, education, and religious doctrines and principles—operating under what they have always regarded as the greatest of all commissions: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you



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always, even unto the end of the world." How well they have executed this commission will readily appear from the manifest results of their labors in foreign fields, and from the fact that in this country the Baptists, on an enumeration confined to persons baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, outnumber any other evangelical denomination, though pressed closely in this respect (but without jealousy) by the great Methodist brother-

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The Rev. J. M. Shelburne presented the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by acclamation:

"INASMUCH AS IT HAS REACHED US THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, FOR WHICH WE AS A PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS STOOD, IS BEING VIOLATED IN ALABAMA IN THE FORM OF APPROPRIATIONS OF PUBLIC MONEY TO THE SUPPORT OF SECTARIAN INSTITUTIONS, RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED, HEREBY REAFFIRM OUR DEVOTION TO THIS TIME-HONORED PRINCIPLE AND EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY WITH ALL PERSONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH WHO ARE SEEKING TO ENFORCE IT."

hood. These two denominations, in this Southland of ours, have been the pioneers in Christian evangelism. Hand in hand, they have stormed and carried many citadels of ignorance and vice and planted upon their ramparts the flag of joy, peace and good will to men.

Another principle unquestionably owes its existence and establishment to the efforts of the Baptists. It is that of religious liberty—the right to worship God according to the dictates of the conscience; the striking down of municipal authority to supervise or interfere with the full and free right to entertain any religious belief, to practice any religious principle, and to teach any religious doctrine, which does not violate the laws of morality and property and which does not infringe personal rights; and the correlative principle that "the law knows no heresy and is committed to the support of no dogma, the establishment of no sect;" thus establishing not merely religious toleration, but religious equality.

For more than a century previous to the recognition of this principle by any municipal government, the Baptist stood alone as its advocate and suffered persecution, even unto death, for its sake. And indeed, after its full recognition by the colonial authorities of Rhode Island, which colony was founded by Baptists, some of whom had been banished from Massachusetts Bay on account of their adherence to this deathless principle, for years the Baptists fought almost single-handed and alone for its conservation and perpetuation. Indeed, the contest for its supremacy was waged by the Baptists, practically unaided, until it was embodied in the first amendment to the federal constitution in the year 1791. To the Baptists of those days, in spite of towering difficulties, the world became indebted for the principle of separation between church and state, and for the lodgment of that principle in American public law, which became unalterable not only by its incorporation in the organic law of the nation, but by its being embodied in the organic law of the several states of the union, and by being imbedded in the hearts of the American people.

Neither time nor the occasion will admit of our speaking of the inestimable blessings to the people of America, to the civilized world, and especially to all Christian churches, which have flowed from the establishment and maintenance of this principle. Suffice it to say that it has become one of the bulwarks of American liberty and is guarded by a jealous eye, and that its infringement, directly or indirectly, is resented by a spirit of just condemnation as violative of a sacred right nearest and dearest to the hearts of all true Americans.

In view of the history of the Baptist people, and of their church polity, it is not at all surprising that they have persistently and uncompromisingly stood for this principle. From the first, the denomination has been of the people and for the people. It is the democratic church of the civilized world.

## 36 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Led, as we trust, by the "good hand of our God" through another year, we are enabled to make a good exhibit of the year's work, probably the best ever made.

We congratulate you on

### Your Place of Meeting.

Here, where the fair city of Dothan now stands, a few years ago was a cross roads in the pine woods, noted for its grog shop and rowdiness. This church, with its large membership and commodious building, doubtless would have been, if there had never been a mission board; but it is a pleasure to us to think that the work was hastened by an appropriation for three years from this board, which the struggling band gratefully received.

The first meeting of the convention in this section was made possible by this church—a child, in some sense, of the convention.

In almost every report we have emphasized the importance of

### Holding the Centers.

No finer vindication of the wisdom of the suggestion can be found than at Dothan. What a power this church, with its members and wealth and zeal, may be for God through the years to come in all this region throughout Alabama and to the uttermost parts of the earth!

We reaffirm the conviction that the wise investment of mission money in the centers is the best investment that can be made. We should not neglect the country; we dare not neglect the towns or the evil influence flowing out from them will ruin the country.

At our annual meeting in November we made appropriations on the basis of \$20,000, independent of a debt of \$2,500, which was upon us. One of our members, at the annual meeting, expressed the fear that we might be \$7,000 in debt a year hence. The first day of July it looked like his fears might be realized; but the receipts for the next three days brought us nearly \$5,000, which saved us from reporting a debt.

The last thirty-six hours of the Home and Foreign Mission Campaign in April brought us \$10,000, which saved Alabama from a disgraceful falling off from last year. It seems that the brethren prefer the whirlwind method of closing things. It is good to have the money at the very last for our boards, but how awful the suspense and how unnecessary if the collections were regularly taken! Many of the letters containing money said: "This money you should have had earlier."

The following is the summary for the year:

For State Missions . . . . .	\$20,818.30
For Home Missions . . . . .	17,797.91
For Foreign Missions . . . . .	25,559.05
For Associational Missions . . . . .	718.40

Making a total of . . . . . \$64,893.66

Of the state mission contributions \$1,820.19 comes from the churches where the evangelists held meetings. Leaving this off, state missions would stand \$19,198.11, an increase over last year of \$2,366.80. While this is not strictly missionary money, yet it was given to the evangelists for services rendered, and charged up to them on their salaries, and must so appear on our books.

The increase for home missions, as indicated by the figures, is shamefully small. The figures for foreign missions show a decrease, really, for the year, of \$6,240.05. It should be remembered, however, that special contribution of \$10,000 by one of our brethren last year pushed our figures forward far in advance of anything we had ever done. In estimating, if this is left off, our church contributions would put us \$3,759.95 in advance over church contributions for last year. While this is the fact, we are very sorry we did not come up to the advanced figures of last year.

The total increase for the year for missions is \$11,052.09.

### The Apportionment.

Your committee on the proper observance of the Centennial of the establishment of the first Baptist church in Alabama, we are informed, will make a suggestion to the Convention, which, if adopted, will suggest the figures for Missions next year. Of course the amount will be in advance of last year.

The Convention, at the last session, failing to reappoint a Committee on Co-Operation, it might be well to have such a Committee appointed at once to consider the Apportionment for the various interests for the next year.

There can be no standing still. An old artist, examining the picture of a student, for criticism, wrote on the margin "Amplius", larger is the word for all of us. Larger ideas, larger plans, larger efforts, larger giving, larger sacrifices, etc. All this must be, if our asking of the great father is the result of a larger faith. Littleness with contentment would be our ruin. Nothing pleases our Master like great demands upon Him. Dr. Truett, in a great speech before the Texas Convention, said: "If we are to be the great people we ought to be, we must give our church members something that will stir their souls and fill their hands. The pastor who does not keep his church on a dead run in the doing of great things is on a mighty cold trail. And I will say to him that all history authenticates the statement, that if he does not keep them on the dead run, the time is not long off until they will have him on a dead run". Nothing is truer than that. The pastors who are urging their people and leading them in the doing of great things are those who hold their pastorates longest.

### A Sunday School Secretary

was ejected by the board, according to the instruction of the convention before we left Talladega last year. Rev. T. V. Neal was the man. After working only a few weeks he was advised to go west on account of his health. So well satisfied were we with the wisdom of our choice we waited nearly the whole year in the hope that he would be able to resume his work; but his physicians recommended finally that he remain in the west permanently.

On the recommendation of his pastor and teachers and others who knew him, we have secured Mr. C. E. Crossland, a young man of great promise, a recent graduate of Howard College. Mr. Crossland is not a preacher, but a consecrated young layman.

He has been spending some months this summer studying under the finest Sunday school workers in the South. He is now ready for active work wherever Providence may open the way. We recommend him to the brethren everywhere and trust they may use him on their fields. If our people are aroused on this important department of work, the time is near when we must have more than one man. We are asking the Sunday schools to give us at least one good collection a year to aid in the support of the Sunday school secretary. We feel very certain of help from the Sunday school board at Nashville.

### Literature Sent Out.

The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal are furnished us regularly and are sent out to the church clerks, with the request that they be given out and subscribers secured. Besides the thousands of tracts sent us by the home and foreign boards and the American Baptist Publication Society, we have printed 43,000 at a cost of \$100.45. For the tract fund, we have received from various sources \$82.69, not a sufficient amount to pay the printers. We have donated from the Bible and colportage fund Bibles and religious books valued at . . . . . Eternity alone will reveal the value of this work to the cause of Christ.

### The Schedule

is adopted by about four hundred churches, less than a third. The larger churches do not use it. Most of them are satisfied with the plans they have. Many others refuse to use it, because they are opposed to any method; but the idea is growing and patience

and perseverance will eventually bring it into well nigh universal use.

Regular collections for all objects, giving each its turn, with now and then room for a special collection on an emergency call, is the ideal plan and will be adopted by those whose hearts are enlisted. Of course it means trouble for somebody, but the results will richly repay for all the trouble. After all, it is far less trouble than to have no plan.

### Bible and Colportage

Does not receive the contributions its importance deserves. None of the large churches ever remember it. We have sold more books this year than ever before. The expenses are greater because of the necessity of another room. The pastors are reading more. Some of them carry a few books to their appointments, which the members readily purchase. Where consecrated zeal is found in an intelligent, energetic man, who has business sense, you have all the elements that go to make a successful colporter.

The secretary lately said, in an interview to the Montgomery Advertiser:

"Not much may be said about it at Dothan, but at no distant day the Baptists expect to possess themselves of some of this splendid property right in the heart of Montgomery for Baptist headquarters. I never look at the handsome building occupied by the Alabama Bible Society on Dexter avenue but I bless God for the deed of one of our citizens, Mr. McGee, who died in 1857, leaving that property for the Bible society. The income from the rents enable the Society to sell the word of God at cost to the people. Who that ever lived in this beautiful city has so grand a monument as this old servant of God? He caught a vision of the future, revealing the greatest need of the people and provided for it.

"I confidently expect another such monument to be erected here before many years. I could easily do a ten or twenty thousand dollar colportage and Bible work next year if we had suitable quarters."

Why should not this be one of the great things we have in mind to do in the near future? Eighty letters could be sent out in one mail to as many men and women who could, without the least sacrifice, give \$500 each and make the building an assured fact in one week's time. We are living in the days when great things are undertaken for our King; why not this, which would mean so much for our people through all the ages!

### The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund

Grows some each year from contributions. It is surprising that any preacher should neglect it. Not a man of them can tell what awaits him in life. It may be the time will come when a small monthly stipend from this source will come as a great boon to some preacher who is now listening to the reading of this report. Some have received aid from this fund who, in other days, were not enthusiastic for the convention and its work. It was cheerfully granted, without inquiry into the past. With how much better grace it would have been received if they had been conscious of having spent their earlier and more prosperous years in helping to build up the agency which extended a helping hand to them in their old age.

We would suggest a

### Church Building Fund for Alabama,

But we would urge upon all our people the importance of helping the home board liberally on their fund. Very often a small appropriation will encourage a church to build and to build a better house, who might otherwise not build at all, or, building, would be satisfied with a very indifferent structure. The home board has had some transactions with some of our Alabama churches which were highly satisfactory. A long time loan was made to the First church, Anniston, of \$1,000. In three years' time they raised the full amount and paid off the note. The same was true for smaller amounts to the North Side, Birmingham, and the Second, Gadsden.

We suggest that the committee of co-operation be

Instructed to appropriate \$7,000 to the Home Board Church Building Loan Fund, independent of the regular amount apportioned to that board. The fact that this is a loan fund, to be used over and over again through the years, ought to appeal to our people.

**The Colored People.**

For the help we extend to the Theological Department of the Selma University, the secretary is constantly receiving evidences of appreciation from the colored brethren all over the state. Brother Owens, who has charge of the young preachers, says:

"Selma University enrolled 700 during the year, of which number seventy-five were ministers of the gospel. Of the seventy-five preachers, forty-five are pastors of one to four churches. The majority of the pastors are in the Preparatory Department, where they are taught the elementary branches in connection with their Bible lessons. There is great thirsting for knowledge of the Bible and the preachers generally say their hours for study are too short.

"During our week of prayer in January, 63 souls were converted.

"I am still praying for the five hundred dollars which I asked the white brethren for at the last convention. There is great need for funds to help poor preachers. My work is hindered by good men leaving school before the close on account of funds being exhausted. The help rendered through this channel (the university) by the white brethren is doing good in many ways—developing gratitude and, by example, the lesson of self-denial."

We firmly believe the hope of the colored people is in their ministry. If they are trained, pious and consecrated, they can lead their people into a purer and better life.

The tidal wave of temperance reform which is sweeping over the state is meeting with a hearty response from more intelligent of their race. We believe that the whiskey and cocaine habit is destroying the best labor on earth for the cotton planters. One of their great leaders, in a pathetic appeal in behalf of his race, said: "We negroes make no laws, we construe no laws, we execute no laws. No board of aldermen, no judge or jury would establish saloons on the recommendation of negroes. The negro brute is the product of the white man's gambling hells, low dives and saloons, where he is dehumanized, brutalized and licensed to go through the land a demented brute, to commit outrages on fair women. Our black arms are too short. The long Anglo-Saxon arms only can reach him." That is a terrible arraignment, but who can deny its truth?

The children of the generation of white people now rapidly passing away should not allow the children of the slaves, who were so faithful to their parents, to be destroyed body and soul when the gospel of Jesus would save them from their sins. The greatest missionary field on earth for Southern Baptists is right here among the descendants of the slaves, whose unremunerated toil made the South rich. We believe the old time feeling of the negro towards the whites would come back if we would protect him from evil men of both races and give to him the gospel of Christ.

**Evangelism**

Is still an important question for consideration. We have had in the field for full time J. V. Dickinson since March 1st; W. J. Ray since January 1st, and W. D. Hubbard since May 24th. These brethren have done efficient work. Many have been added to the churches, the pastors strengthened with their people, and much good done.

We feel that some of the churches do not deal fairly by us. Knowing that the evangelist is employed by the board, they do not pay as liberally as they would if he were independent. Others are inclined to charge up the amount as given to state missions and when the time comes for collections for that cause they feel justified in cutting it out. Still another problem confronting us with reference to evangelism is to keep our men at work during the winter. In our climate that is the season best adapted to holding meetings; but the old idea obtains of giving a few weeks in the heat of summer. During

these weeks fifty men could easily find work; but in the winter it is hard for three men to keep busy. The associations have a fine opportunity to employ the evangelists to hold Baptist rallies at important centers during the winter. If they would do this, they would thereby render the best service to their churches and at the same time help the board solve a most perplexing problem.

**The work of**

**The Woman's Central Committee**

Continues to grow, as indicated by the increased number of societies and increased contributions. Generally the women are in the majority in our churches. They are a mighty power in the homes and in society. Their tender hearts are easily turned to sympathize with efforts to uplift the race. They are rapidly coming to be a potential factor in the work of our boards. It is wicked not to encourage them. One good woman, after hearing Mrs. Hamilton at one of the associations, said to the secretary: "We are so grateful to you for sending Mrs. Hamilton to us. I was made ashamed of myself when I discovered how ignorant I was. We have never done anything because we didn't know what to do or how to do. If we could only have this good woman to visit us in our churches, we would soon be enlisted in the mission work."

Many of our preachers have stood aloof from and some of them have even opposed the woman's movement; but reflection and observation will bring the most of them around to right thinking on this subject.

**The Other Boards**

Are in full sympathy with us in our work and are helpful in every way. The home and foreign boards pay a part of the salary of the corresponding secretary and share the expenses of the office. The Sunday school board gave us \$303.39 worth of Bibles and \$200 in cash to help in the support of our Sunday school secretary.

**Vacancies on the Board.**

The terms of the following members of the board expire at this session: D. C. Cooper, J. W. Minor, A. J. Dickinson, George W. Ellis, J. B. Ellis, J. W. O'Hara and M. B. Wharton.

W. D. Hubbard has become an employe of the board and asks to be retired as a member.

We regret to report Brother W. G. Curry in poor health and unable to attend the meetings. Through many years he has been one of our most faithful members. We suggest that his name be left off.

**The Associational Meetings**

Are soon to begin. These annual meetings are of so much importance, to the denomination we want to urge upon moderators, clerks, members of executive committees and all who have the cause of God on their hearts to make more of them this year.

We have seen a circular letter sent out by one moderator to the churches, urging them to prepare their letters carefully and select the best men as messengers, who will give the work of the association their best service. We beg the preachers and others who may be messengers to the associations this fall to do what they can to make the next sessions the best ever known.

**Our Schools.**

Reports will be submitted from Scottsboro and Healing Springs, so it is not necessary to speak of them further than to say—some repairs are needed at Healing Springs. The trustees may not feel authorized to make them and the state board of missions may want instructions.

At Gaylesville, in Cherokee county, a good school property has been secured and turned over to the home board and school will be opened in the fall. At Eldridge, in Walker county, the same is true. A dormitory is in course of erection there which will accommodate when finished ..... They are finding it very difficult to raise the needed funds to complete the dormitory. No school in any section is more needed than this. We have helped in supporting Brother Reeves this year, while he was engaged in the work of raising the funds.

At Newton the Baptists have a most flourishing school, having near 300 pupils in attendance. They

came the past year from a dozen or more counties. If they had the room, they could easily have 500 pupils. The discipline is fine; the religious and moral influence can not be excelled. They have some debt. We understand they propose to turn over the property to the convention. If the matter comes before the convention in proper shape, we would suggest that a committee be appointed at once to confer with the Newton brethren and report to the convention at as early an hour as possible.

**"The Care of All the Churches"**

Was a great burden on Paul's heart and mind. How anxiously did he consider their every interest! How solicitous he was about everything that might disturb their peace! How he prayed and counseled and labored for their development! With feelings akin to these, we long for the greatest development of the churches which Christ has planted in Alabama. We hail with pleasure every indication of improvement. The men who are their pastors deserve our sympathies and prayers. Under God, they are leading them gloriously forward, in spite of the difficulties under which they labor. But their salaries are so meager and the demands upon them are so great, many times their hearts fail them when they see how far short they come in the solemn duties of the pastor's office. When will the churches see their duty and untie the hands of these glorious men whom God has called and whom they have recognized to be their leaders? Wages for everybody are advancing, but the pastors' salaries remain the same. The cost of living is increasing constantly; the pastors have new demands made upon them every day, but their wages are no more. The country prospers, the membership grows in numbers and wealth, but the pastor's anxious cares about his family, coupled with his anxiety about the cause committed to him, is not abated by increased interest on the part of the membership in his personal well-being. Our secretary has received scores of letters from pastors breathing the most earnest devotion to the cause, who express their deep regret in not being able to attend this convention on account of the cost. Doubtless there are pastors who are now present, whose pleasure is greatly marred by the fear that they have taken from the meager living of the families too much in paying their way to this convention. One of our great laymen, at the Richmond convention, said: "Tell the churches to unite the hands of their pastors. Men who are cramped can not fight. Poverty makes men timid." How true are these words.

The other side of the question is of equal importance. Our churches can not be developed by pastors, however pious or consecrated, who give most of their time to secular pursuits. We reiterate what we said last year on this subject: "A ministry, unburdened by secular business, giving themselves 'wholly to these things' and the churches furnishing the needed support is the question of the hour among Baptists."

**Special Mention.**

If we were asked what are the mightiest agencies now employed in Alabama for the upbuilding of the cause we would say the Alabama Baptist, reinforced by the circular letters sent out from the Montgomery office. The paper is at our service every week of the year. It has no ambition but to serve our Baptist interests in Alabama. We would be practically helpless without it. What might it not accomplish if all our people read it!

The circular letters are sent to the clerks and pastors and others by the thousands. Some of them may not be read; but the responses we receive indicate that most of them are read and appreciated. If we would quicken missionary zeal and excite denominational interest, it is imperative that we give information about the work. It is impossible for the secretary to carry it to the churches. It would still be impossible if every evangelist and missionary should come to his aid; but the printed page can and will do the work.

At Richmond during the Southern Baptist Convention the laymen formed an organization. It is believed by many the most important movement that

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CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS

There was a fine spirit of fellowship at Dothan. The brethren seemed to greatly enjoy one another.

A telegram was read from Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, who was unable to attend, urging greater things to be undertaken. He was greatly missed.

Resolutions were adopted expressing appreciation to the people of Dothan for courtesies, to the four pages, to the delegates, the press, the Dothan church and railroads.

Another important resolution was one looking to the establishing of a department in Howard college at East Lake of archives and history. This was carried and an effort will be made to collect all the light possible on Baptist history since 1808.

I greatly regretted that Rev. V. I. Masters, of Abbeville, was prevented from coming to the convention, as I had hoped to get him to help me in my report. He had to take his son to Montgomery for a serious operation. I was glad to hear that it was successful and that he is expected to soon be up.

A reception was tendered to all the former students of Judson college at the Murray hotel by the local alumnae. Ex-students of Howard college also met in the parlors of the church to discuss plans for the college. A scheme was presented for beautifying the campus and great enthusiasm was shown by the men for their alma mater.

I heard a man express surprise at the able way in which that princely layman, J. W. Minor, of Ensley, presided at the laymen's meeting. "Why," said he, "I have been with him on several boards of trustees and he has always been so modest and self-effacing that I never dreamed he had such talents as a speaker and chairman." Bro. Minor has heretofore given much and said little. I am glad he is now going to talk as well as give.

The report on foreign missions by Rev. A. A. Hutto, contained some excellent recommendations. Rev. J. M. Shelburne, of East Lake, vice president of the foreign mission board for Alabama, was in the chair. The field secretary, Dr. S. J. Porter, made a strong and spiritual plea for missions and introduced Rev. P. H. Anderson (a brother of the Dothan and Newton pastors), who is an appointee of the board as missionary to South China, and who will sail September 10th for his field. He spoke eloquently of the fulfillment of the great commission.

The report of the Judson college trustees was read by G. G. Miles, of Montgomery. B. F. Ellis was unavoidably kept at home and the secretary was authorized to send suitable message to Mr. Ellis. The Judson reported the largest attendance in history of the school. All the buildings are filled and the work grows apace.

The Judson report showed 317 in attendance and 100 applications declined. Forty officers and teachers have been engaged. It has added to its grounds 15 acres adjoining for \$5,000. The president in his report says the ultimate aim for the Judson should not be less than an equipment to cost \$500,000, and an endowment of similar amount. The Carnegie library has been completed. The contract will be let in a few days for the erection of the building to cost \$25,000.

The members of the Ellis family have made contributions of \$10,000 to build president's home. It will be called Zaidie Ellis Ashcraft memorial in memory of Mrs. Zaidie Ellis Ashcraft. Other improvements are being made and the property will be valued at \$185,000 when the library is complete.



HON. N. D. DENSON, OF LAFAYETTE, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Who Was Unanimously Re-elected President of the State Convention.

The following new pastors were welcomed: J. M. Anderson, Newton; J. D. Gwaltney, Talladega; Alex Miller, Oxford; R. C. Granberry, Tuskegee; A. T. Camp, Northport; T. J. Porter, Roanoke; S. A. Cowan, Montgomery; M. P. Edwards, Auburn; P. C. Barkley, Elba; A. J. Gross, Camden; W. W. Lee, Montealeo. As visitors from other states, S. H. Campbell, Arkansas; B. H. DeMent, representing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville; Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary home missions; Rev. S. J. Porter, of the foreign mission board; Rev. A. E. Brown, of the home board, and Dr. Gwaltney, of Shorter college.

Rev. W. M. Blackwelder, of Greenville, chairman of the committee on nominations, recommended the following to fill vacancies on the various boards of the convention: State board of missions, D. C. Cooper, J. W. Minor, A. J. Dickinson, George W. Ellis, J. B. Ellis, J. W. O'Hara, M. B. Wharton, W. M. Anderson, D. F. Green.

Howard college board of trustees: A. W. Bell, L. Lasseter, S. L. Fuller, J. W. Minor, S. S. Broadus, M. B. Wharton, D. C. Cooper, D. H. Marbury, W. A. Tallaferró.

Judson college board of trustees: J. W. Bailey, C. A. Wilkerson.

Orphans' home board of trustees: M. C. Reynolds, J. V. Dickinson, W. B. Ivey, Sam J. Carroll, John A. Thomason.

Full board of ministerial education to consist as follows: President J. M. Shelburne, treasurer; J. A. Hendricks, L. M. Bradley, G. F. Gable, Austin Crouch, A. L. Smith, I. A. White, N. A. Barrett, J. W. Beasley.

Scottsboro institute board of trustees: President, W. L. Yarbrough, W. B. Crumpton, R. L. Butler, E. W. Garland, W. E. Pettus, W. T. Roberts, C. T. Starkey, W. T. Davis, H. N. Calybrook, J. W. Reed.

Healing Springs institute board of trustees: President, J. F. Brock, W. B. Crumpton, J. E. Tucker, J. E. McLemon, J. Y. T. Brown, J. W. Sandlin.

Dothan is determined to be a great city and is going about it in the right way.

The committee on encampment recommended appointment of a permanent committee on encampment and that the encampment be held in 1908.

Dr. M. B. Wharton discussed "the religious press." He declared the press to be the greatest power on earth. "We can not succeed," he said, "in the activity of the denomination without the press."

The convention was not without able lawyers, as during one discussion on Thursday morning four legal luminaries took part. Judge Tyson, Judge Denson, Hon. H. S. D. Mallory and Hon. G. L. Comer all speaking on the legal bearing of a resolution.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara, of Montgomery, reported the convention for the Montgomery Advertiser, Birmingham Ledger and Mobile Register. Dr. J. C. Owens reported for the Birmingham News. Rev. Richard Hall represented the Montgomery Journal, and C. E. Crossland the Age-Herald.

The consideration of the report of the board of directors on relinquishing the rights of the convention in the Marion Military Institute brought about the most spirited discussion of the session. The recommendation was championed by Chief Justice J. R. Tyson and others, while Rev. Austin Crouch made a ringing speech opposing the resolution.

Hon. C. S. Rabb, of Evergreen, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this convention has heard with deep sorrow of the death of Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky. We thank God for his useful life as editor, preacher, and his potential influence in our denominational work through the Southern Baptist convention, our educational institutions and the Western Recorder. We extend our sympathy to those most bereaved."

The Rev. A. E. Brown, of North Carolina, secretary of the home mission board, in charge of the work of education among the mountainous regions of the south, spoke of his work among the 2,000,000 Baptists of his territory. A motion was carried to appoint a committee to report back to the convention at Roanoke a scheme for the federation of the various denominational institutions of learning over the state. The plan proposed is for every school to have its own officers and trustees and in addition thereto to have a chancellor and a board of general directors to have charge of the work as a whole.

The report of the Howard college trustees was read and referred to a special committee. Number of students, 205; ministerial students, 60, seven of whom have pledged themselves for the foreign field.

The income, including the denominational education fund, meets all expenses.

The endowment canvass has been completed and the general education board has paid over \$20,000, which has been invested. The new library, costing \$10,000, has been opened for use. The faculty is well arranged for work and four are pursuing special studies in universities during the summer.

The following recommendations were made: Five thousand dollars be raised for maintenance; that donation of books be made to the library; that ladies' aid societies of the state undertake the beautifying of the grounds, and that every father and mother consider it as their college for their boys.

The report of the treasurer of the endowment fund showed \$20,666.34, all invested at 6, 7 and 8 per cent, except a small amount in bank. The amount due now is \$3,710.

There was a spirited debate over the time and place.

The new court house just opposite the Baptist church was a thing of beauty in the soft moonlight.

I was glad to see Rev. M. M. Wood re-elected secretary, as he has been a faithful and efficient officer.

The Windsor hotel at Montgomery on Monday night looked like an annex of the state convention, as the lobby, parlors and dining room were filled with Baptist delegates.

The convention developed some real lively tilts, but without acrimony the subjects were threshed out and no man need say that he was not given a chance to be heard, as Judge Denson saw to it that no one was shut out who was entitled to the floor.

Rev. R. S. Gavin, of Huntsville, preached an excellent sermon on the topic, "The sin of being too busy to develop the emotional side of life." He took up in detail the work of the preacher and discussed at length some of the important public questions of the day such as commercial, proper observance of the Sabbath, etc.

The eighty-sixth annual session of the Alabama Baptist convention began at Dothan Wednesday, the 24th, with an attendance of more than five hundred delegates and visitors present. The convention was called to order at 9 o'clock by the president, Judge N. D. Denson, of Lafayette. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. A. J. Dickinson, of Birmingham.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Judge N. B. Denson, of Lafayette, re-elected; first vice president, R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville; second vice president, J. V. Brown; secretary, M. M. Wood.

After the sermon on Tuesday night the laymen's movement, which was launched at the late Southern Baptist convention in Richmond, was explained and organization effected. The object of the movement is to bring the laymen of the denomination together in the work of the evangelization of the world and in promoting the benevolent enterprises fostered by the Baptist denomination. The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Minor, of Ensley; vice president, George G. Miles, of Montgomery; secretary, George Ellis, of Montgomery; treasurer, J. S. Carroll, of Troy. All the officers made stirring speeches of acceptance.

The reports of missions by sections were a series of short speeches which set forth the needs of all the sections of the state, at the same time showing the unlimited resources and opportunities. J. M. Sandlin spoke for Mobile and Baldwin; B. H. Crumpton for Monroe and Wilcox; J. E. Holly for Escambia, Conecuh and Covington; J. J. Hagood for Covington; J. B. Byrd for Butler and Crenshaw; W. J. Martin for Henry and Houston; J. H. Riffe for Henry county; W. J. Elliott for Montgomery, Autauga, Dallas and Lowndes; S. J. Carroll for Pike, Barbour and Bullock; H. Wallace for Macon, Russell and Lee; D. S. Martin for Elmore, Chilton and Coosa; C. Bently for Talladega, Clay, Calhoun and Cleburne; St. Clair, Etowah and Cherokee by Lafayette Cooke; J. W. Mitchell for Perry, Hale and Shelby; L. S. Foster for Tuscaloosa and Pickens; J. E. Herring for Marengo, Greene and Sumter; J. H. Longcrier for Jefferson and Walker; R. E. Pettus, for Limestone, Madison and Morgan; C. T. Starkey for Jackson and Marshall; A. N. Reeves for Lamar, Fayette, Marion and Winston.

Many reported deplorable conditions. Many churches pastorless, many who give nothing to missions. Stress was laid upon the fact that the preachers were too poorly paid and urged larger salaries and more prompt payment.

I am glad to note that the dallies are giving more and more space each year to our convention.

Rev. Austin Crouch, of Woodlawn, was selected to preach the annual sermon of 1908, with Rev. W. A. Tallaferro as alternate.

Dr. Gray is still our peerless platform speaker and his mere presence at the convention sent a thrill of enthusiasm among the brethren for home missions.

I was gratified that the convention honored itself by electing the Hon. R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, first vice president. Bro. Pettus, belongs to the old guard and always is on hand in his church, association and state convention.

I thought it was wholly unnecessary for any one to go to the trouble to build bon fires along the route in order to give the delegates a warm reception, but the railroad company used the opportunity to burn its old cross ties along the route for miles.

Prof. J. V. Brown, who was put in nomination as one of the vice presidents by Rev. W. T. Tallaferro, of Opelika, as the young man's candidate, is doing a great work in Dothan as superintendent of the city schools of Dothan.

Judge Henry B. Foster, of Tuscaloosa, introduced a resolution which was unanimously adopted providing for a committee of nine to receive funds for aged and infirm ministers, that the funds be invested, and that the interest be used. The resolution provided for the appointment of a board of trustees. The following committee was appointed: Judge Henry B. Foster, chairman; H. J. Willingham, C. P. Nichols, Michael Cody, Samuel Carroll, H. F. Wood, R. E. Pettus, B. G. Farmer and H. S. D. Mallory. President Owen, of the Selma university for negroes, addressed the convention.

The ministers' conference met at 2:30 o'clock, being called to order by Rev. A. J. Preston, of Jasper. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. R. A. J. Cumbee, of Brundidge; secretary, Rev. Arnold Smith, of Alexander City. "The Church and Politics" was the subject of an able address by Dr. A. J. Dickinson, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Birmingham. Discussion of this topic occupied the entire afternoon and at its conclusion the conference adopted the following resolution: "WHEREAS, WE BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE TIME WHEN A CLEAR NOTE SHOULD BE SOUNDED OUT AMONG OUR PEOPLE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CHURCH IN POLITICS AND SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE SUGGEST, TO ALL THE PASTORS OF THE STATE THAT THEY GIVE THE MATTER THEIR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND ZEALOUSLY LAY IT ON THE HEARTS OF THEIR PEOPLE."

The report on young people's work was read by the Rev. C. T. Bentley. He reviewed the fourteen years' history of the Baptist Young People's Union of Alabama. The report on Sunday schools was read by Hon. H. J. Willingham, of Montgomery. He made an exhaustive and scholarly report of Sunday school conditions in Alabama. An address on the two reports was delivered by C. E. Crossland, of East Lake, the new Sunday school secretary of the state board of missions.

Mr. Paul F. Dix, of Montgomery, was also heard on the great work of B. Y. P. of the state is doing. Dr. S. J. Porter, field secretary of the foreign mission board at Richmond, also explained the educational material issued by his board. Dr. T. B. Ray, lately appointed as secretary of the educational department of this board, has arranged a most excellent library and set of object lessons for use in all lines of work for educating Baptist people in missions. The special department of work has had phenomenal success.

The Troy delegates were jubilant over having closed up the dispensary.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville was ably represented by Dr. B. H. Dement, a member of the faculty.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Rev. J. W. Stewart and Rev. C. S. Babb made addresses in the interest of the orphans' home.

The report on home missions was read by Rev. A. J. Preston, of Jasper, and was spoken to by Dr. B. D. Gray, who as usual, electrified his hearers.

Rev. R. A. J. Cumbee, of Brundidge, who acted as chairman of the ministers' meeting, presided with much tact and firmness.

I delight in the fact that the convention met in a city which had just put the dispensary out of business.

The board of directors of the convention was also authorized to appoint delegates to the Southern Baptist convention of 1908, to the American Baptist Education Society, and to the Baptist World Congress at Roanoke next year.

Owing to a press of business Rev. H. P. McCormick, of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, who was to have preached at 11 a. m. on Thursday, asked that the sermon be omitted, which was done. There were many present who would have greatly enjoyed the privilege of hearing him preach.

The committee on corporation recommended the following amounts for the different causes to be raised during the next convention year: Foreign missions, \$40,000; home missions, \$28,000; state missions, \$25,000; church building, \$7,000; orphans' home, \$20,000; Christian education, \$5,000; ministerial education, \$5,000; aged and infirm ministers, \$1,000; Bible and colportage, \$1,000. The report was unanimously adopted.

Judson college at Marion always comes before the convention with the assurance of getting a sympathetic hearing. Strong speeches were made for it by Dr. Paul V. Bomar and the Hon. G. G. Miles. One of the features of the hour was the address of Dr. J. B. Gwaltney, of Shorter college, but for six years president of the Judson. Dr. Patrick, in a few words, expressed his thanks to the patrons of the college for the unparalleled success which Judson is now experiencing. He presented a water color sketch of the magnificent new home of the president, donated by the Ellis family in memory of the lamented Mrs. Ashcraft, together with plans for the future, which, when completed, will put the Judson at the very forefront of all the colleges in America for women.

The Rev. A. N. Reeves, of Winfield, presented the interests of the Eldridge academy. Dr. A. P. Montague endorsed the movement in an address and raised a collection of about \$250 for the Eldridge academy.

The report on temperance was read by the Rev. J. E. Barnes and was unanimously adopted. The report reviewed the work of the Anti-Saloon League, the marvelous sentiment being created in Alabama for temperance and the laws enacted by the legislature in the interest of temperance.

Brooks Lawrence, superintendent of the Alabama Anti-Saloon League, delivered a strong address in support of the report. The local option bill, the anti-shiping bill and the early closing bill were discussed. He declared that the Anti-Saloon League will ultimately drive the whiskey power from Alabama.

George Malone and J. L. Flowers, of Dothan, discussed the report and explained the methods employed in driving the dispensary from Dothan and Houston county.

## GOD'S UNIT OF SUCCESS--PERSONALITY--ISAIAH 32:2.

The prophet had fallen upon troublous times. He found Israel in sorry plight. The land was filled with sorrow, fraud and woe. And he sees the moral status of Israel symbolized. A great wind is blowing the blighting sands of the desert over the bloom and fertility of Palestine. Likewise the tempests of moral blight are shaking the skies and sweeping the earth.

The supreme need of the hour is a means of deliverance. But here a contrast arises. The politicians and the time-serverers of the day wish to form an alliance with Assyria or with Egypt—the great empire of the north or the great empire of the South. But the prophet does not turn to the wisdom of Egypt, nor to the cohorts of Assyria. But with true spiritual discernment the man of God brings forth the truth of the text, saying that a man shall be the shelter from the blighting blast. Thus there emerges from the text the topic of the sermon: "Personality, God's Unit of Success." The history of redemption centers in and radiates from this vital thought.

### 1.

Let us establish the principle. The first distinctive feature of Christianity is incarnation. God initiates redemption not through precept, but through personality. We have two thoughts of God: one of him as transcending the material world and all the limitations of time, space and matter, as the King who is above the sun and beyond the stars. The human reason demands this for its rational satisfaction; but the human heart weeps for something nearer and more tangible. This has been one of the pathetic cries and unstill longings of humanity. Out of this cry and out of this need there came the theophanies of the Old Testament, and the polytheism of the heathen world. The vine can not twine itself around a moonbeam, nor can the human heart cling to a far-off intangible idea. In order to reach the world and lift it up to himself, God, in some way, must come across the fixed gulf between the pure spirit of Deity and common human flesh.

God will not give his children a stone for bread nor a serpent for a fish. His great crowning day was coming. These theophanies and heathen manifestations were as forms that quickly vanished and voices that soon hushed. The flush of morning passes in the reigning glories of the king of day. Out of the silence of eternity, God steps, and the word that was with God was made flesh and dwelt among us. God's ultimate factor in redeeming the world has appeared: a Personality. Earth's morning star has unveiled, daybreak begins to usher in the dawn, the shadows begin to flee away, and despairing souls looked up with brows gilded with the dawn of hope. That personality moved like a radiance from Bethlehem to Olivet, and back into that silence whence he came, that glory which he had with the Father before the world was, he passes.

But, brethren, God's principles are eternal principles, and abide unchanging through the changing years. If men were to be reached, a man only could do it. If the earth is to be touched with heaven today, God must do it through consecrated personality, through men who are the duplicates of the Man. Not breathless books, but breathing beings. Not precept, but personality. Search out the deeds that shine on history's page, or blaze from the poet's pen, and you will glean this pearl of indestructible principle: Every institution, every worthy work is but the shadow of some great personality. The law was given at Sinai, but it gained small acceptance till the prophet spoke in thoughts that breathed and words that burned; till David sang, and Isaiah blossomed into eloquence, till Elijah thundered and Jeremiah wept. Europe had the truth, but the Reformation tarried till Wycliff became its morning star, and Luther its shining sun. The truth lay dead in England till it flowered in the personality of John Wesley. Ah, it is not the footfalls of inanimate principles,



Rev. J. L. Rosser, of Selma, Who Preached the Convention Sermon.

but the voices of living men that have moved the earth Godward and sunward. The vine must have a trellis if it is to climb to upper air, the music must have a chord if it is to sow the atmosphere with bewitching harmonies; and truth must have a human channel through which to utter itself.

We believe in the principles of democracy, the revelations of science, and the institutions of education; but we believe in them instrumentally, not essentially. Those who believe in them ultimately are repeating Israel's error; they would adopt the alliance with Egypt and Assyria rather than the divine program: personality.

One hundred years ago, when democracy, in America, burst like a new-born sun upon the long-watching, night-wearied gaze of the world, optimistic souls saw the political millennium. The Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States were hailed as the chart and compass of mankind. Today many discredit the one and disregard the other. When seventy-five years ago science stepped into the arena and turned her searchlight upon the natural forces of the world, men said, Behold, what manner of power is this, that even the winds, the waves and the natural forces obey us, and become our servants. And science has gone forth to conquer. She has built our cities, the centers of our civilization; and our cities have become the plague-spots, the fever-swamps of creation. Education came like a radiance upon our earth. As by a wand of magic it touched the slumbering potentialities of the human mind, and they burst into new-born power. But education in itself is a neutral attainment. Its worth depends upon the quality of the personality behind the education. It may become a Caesar's sword as well as a Moses' rod, a Nero's scepter as well as an Elijah's staff. Democracy in the hands of men after God's own heart will become the emancipator of humanity. Science in the hands of true men will become the handmaid of heaven; and education the unlimbered batteries to shatter the citadels of Satan. So across the long-drawn centuries, Isaiah's text reaches our day, and repeats its message, that the need of the hour and age is for men and women through whom God can speak to the world. I was on the gulf coast last summer one day. The beauty of the evening was such as is seldom seen on land or sea. As the king of day sank in the west, out from the blue of the seas, up the blue of the skies rose the queen of the night. Imagination

heard that going sun call back to that coming moon: My day's appointed task is done, light thou the land, gild thou the sea, and occupy these heavens till I return. From Olivet's brow, while they were looking, he who was the Light of the world was taken up; but he left behind his ordaining message: "Ye are the light of the world. Ye shall be my witnesses. Occupy till I return."

### 2.

Most conveniently does the text sketch in a symbolical way the character of the man needed. First of all, he shall be a strong man, like the great rock. The man with iron in his blood and God in his heart, who strong in the strength which God supplies can laugh at all disaster and smile at all his foes. A man strong defensively against every wind of erroneous doctrine and insidious temptation; and strong offensively to propagate the good though the difficulties like mountains rise; a strength

That, when in danger, knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt.

Once more, God's man must be sympathetic, with a heart that flows like the streams in the desert. One of the elements that distinguishes a human being from the lower creation is the power of sympathy. Animals have feeling, but no fellow-feeling. The wounded deer sheds tears, but to man only it belongs to weep with them that weep. No blaze of intellect, no range of scholarship, no mere granite strength are the sufficient elements of a true personality. The Christ-man must have the divine heart, which is a heart of sympathy, who seeing them as sheep without a shepherd, must have compassion on the multitude. God deliver us from that type of man who can see Lazarus at his gate and feel not the pangs of hunger himself, who can meet the sinner on the street and feel no compassion for the one who is without God and without hope in the world.

I was born as free as the silvery light  
That laughs in a Southern fountain;  
Free as the sea-fed bird that nests  
On a Scandinavian mountain;

Yet in the unfortunate slave that I met today I  
saw my brother;

I thought of the Power benign that made  
And bound men one to another;  
And I felt in my brother's fear afraid,  
And ashamed in the shame of my brother.

The third element in the character of this ideal man is helpfulness, like the shadow of the great rock. When the Master was here, it was recorded of him that he went about doing good. From his unwasting fulness, he everywhere scattered the bloom and blessings of life. He touched disease and it bloomed into health; ignorance and it unfolded into light; weakness and it was clothed in strength. An unused sword is worthless, and a conserved sympathy is the counterfeit of heaven's genuine coin.

The Christian today who is not helpful is as one born out of season. He mistimed his advent into the world. He should have been born before the thoughts of men had widened with the process of the suns. The watch may be finely jeweled, but it must tell the time, or go to the museum. The heart of the world is just, and ultimately renders tribute to whom tribute is due. The selfish man: Does the sculptor carve his statue in immortal marble? Does the artist paint his portrait in lines of witching beauty? Does the poet sing him in words that were not born to die? And on memorial day does his tomb bloom with the beauty of memory's tributes? Nay, verily, colors, marbles, poems, and blossoms are reserved for those who in life were as the shadow of the great rock to less fortunate souls.

And in thus sketching the character of God's man,

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we have in reality delineated the character of Christ: strong, sympathetic, helpful Christ. And such it should be, for did he not leave us an example that we should follow in his footsteps? Are we not to build all things below according to the pattern shown us from above? Behold a picture. Girdled by the everlasting hills of God, yonder the clear-mirrored mountain lake lies like "a cradled child in slumber bound." No envious winds the jealous stillness break, not a ripple seams the pavement of glass, not a marring mist stains the air. The midnight's mild enchantment lies like a magician's spell over the world. Above the great white moon crowns the night at its zenith, and, looking down with benignant grace, deep in the waters' crystal heart, reprints its perfect image. The lake below duplicates the sky above. In that symboling scene he who runs may read the truth. The human heart below should image the divine Christ above. No tumults of inner sin, nor clouds of outer mist should mar the perfect reproduction of that image here. If words like unto those which glowed along his pathway are to gladden the earth, it will be because there are men here in whom dwell his life and spirit. Cause precedes effect, lightning goes before thunder, and godly character antedates godly activity.

The field of influence for such a personality is as wide as human activities; the home, the city, the state, and the church. In the sphere of the church proper, the crowning day will come, not through richer service, but through richer personalities. There was a time in church history when to check the ebbing tide of spirituality, the leaders said: "We will enrich the service." Around jeweled altars, candles burned lustrous and gorgeous robes shone resplendent. But behold, Europe turns from shining altars to listen to a man who lived and preached the glorious gospel of the happy God. The apostolic church was devoid of the ordinary instruments of power: splendid edifices, wealth, property and prestige, yet the world was turned upside down because there were men who had been with Jesus and learned of him.

Brethren, we have here the call of the waiting years. David's dying counsel to his wise son was, "Show thyself a man." About the streets of his city went Diogenes with a lantern looking for a man. We may reverently say that God is the great Diogenes of the centuries looking for men.

With its wide waste of wandering waves, its lustrous girdling coast, its painted, domed and spired city, over-sentinelled by Vesuvius with its nodding plume of fire and vapor, over-arched by a sky "blue as Aron's mantle," the Bay of Naples is the traveler's vision and memory of beauty. Geologists declare that lovely bay is the crater of an extinct volcano. Primitive ages looked here upon a scene of flames and fury; but the fires faded into dust and ashes, the scoriac rivers ceased to roll, and God's glorious transforming sea overflowed that mouth of hell. Today the ripples that seam its surface are crested with pearl or tipped with diamond. The splendors of the day and the beauties of the night repeat themselves in its mirrored face. Bear with me while I declare unto you a parable. Since came, the world has been an open volcano. The fires of passion have burned away its bloom, the scoriac rivers of injustice have flowed in fiery tides, the smoke of doubt and despair have clouded the skies; and judgment has not gone forth to victory. Back yonder lies the great ocean of God's redeeming grace, the stream which Ezekiel saw issuing from the temple, making everything to live where it flowed, the river which John saw flowing clear as crystal from the throne of God and the Lamb. And God calls today for consecrated personalities who will break the barriers and let in the living streams of divine life. Then shall we see—

The morning break,

And earth in her Creator's smile awake.

We shall see the volcano of earth become the garden of heaven.

July 10, 1907.

It will be of interest to all friends of the seminary to learn that a new arrangement has been made for the management of New York hall during next session. Miss Virginia Taylor, the matron, who has been in charge for a number of years, found that she was compelled to resign her position in order to look after matters at her own home. While regretting to lose Miss Taylor, we are most gratified to announce that we have made arrangements with Prof. J. C. Vick and wife, of Russellville, Ky., to take charge of New York hall. Prof. Vick has had extended experience in the management of boarding halls and has been a marked success in this direction, and with the assistance of Mrs. Vick doubtless New York hall will be well cared for. There are a number of improvements which are contemplated and will be carried out at once with reference to the hall. All old students and brethren contemplating entering the seminary will be interested in this announcement.

I also take occasion to say to all prospective students that it would be well for them to write to Mr. B. Pressley Smith at once regarding rooms in New York hall. Those who write first will have the first choice of rooms. Of course, the hall has a large number of commodious rooms, and there will be no difficulty in finding accommodations even if the brethren should not write, but it is well for them to write informing us that they expect to come. I have recently heard of a considerable group of college men, all of whom are coming to the seminary this fall from one college. I also learn of other groups who are making similar plans. I wish to say to all brethren who are interested in coming to the seminary that I shall be pleased to correspond with them, and, if they are in need of financial assistance, will do what I can to help them. There are doubtless many pastors in the south who have not had seminary training, and who are not in position to take a college course, who ought to come to us for one year and take a pastors' course, and possibly for two years. For all such the seminary offers unusual advantages and facilities.

We are planning for several very interesting lecture courses next session. The evangelistic lectures will be given again next year, as well as the lectures on the Sunday school board foundation, and the Gay lectures as usual. The Gay lecturer has already been secured, and the other courses of lectures are being planned.

Dr. C. S. Gardner, the new professor of homiletics, will begin his work with the opening of the session. From every quarter the warmest messages of congratulation have come regarding the election of Dr. Gardner. His scholarship and his ability as a preacher have greatly impressed the denomination, and doubtless he will be a great success in the chair of homiletics.

Dr. Sampey will return from his trip abroad in August and will be on hand for the opening, October 1st, so that all the work of the seminary will be carried on as usual. Dr. Carver will be absent when the session opens, but his classes will be taken up by others and the work carried on until he returns.

It is important that students be on hand for the opening, October 1st, if possible, and, if not on that date, as soon thereafter as they can come.

E. Y. MULLINS, President.

Glad to report that during the last sixty days East Florence Baptist church has taken on new life. Our Sunday school is one of the best in the county—169 in Sunday school yesterday. We are now in the midst of one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Thirty-two souls have been gloriously saved during the past week. Thirteen accessions at yesterday's services, swelling the number of accessions since June 1st to thirty-seven. Rev. Edward W. Reese, of Memphis, is doing the preaching for us during our meeting. Pray for us.—George H. Freeman, Pastor.

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ever stirred the denomination. We are sure it is the interest can be extended to all the states. Too long the preachers have been left almost alone in the struggle to upbuild and forward the cause of God in the earth. If a great enterprise was to be inaugurated, the preachers, in their poverty and inexperience in business matters, have had to plan it and lead it. If some of our interests were tottering the preachers were allowed almost alone to do the propping. Our membership is crowded with men of great talent and great wealth. God seems to be moving upon their hearts and stirring their spirits to consecrate their business sense and their money for the extension of His kingdom. It will be a glorious day for His cause when they move out, like a mighty army, to join battle with the enemies of their King. It means more money in the treasury for God; it means the emancipation of the ministry from corroding care and anxiety; it means more missionaries with better equipment. God only knows all that it means. We trust our Alabama laymen, some time during the session of the convention, will organize and get in touch with the movement, which has its headquarters in Baltimore.

With this we submit the summary of work and financial statement which we ask the brethren to study carefully with the report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. MILES, President

W. B. CRUMPTON, Corresponding Secretary.

Recapitulation of Year's Work.

State missions	\$20,815 30
Home missions	17,797 91
Foreign missions	25,559 05
Associational missions	718 40
Missionary horse	5 00
Church extension, Birmingham Ass'n	15 00
Church building fund	102 25
Margaret home	38 00
Evangelistic work	3 50
San Francisco	82 69
Selma university	41 80
Chapel building	238 91
Denominational schools	146 03
Bible fund	19 85
Tract fund	82 78
Aged and infirm ministers	674 65
Bible and colportage	372 13
Woman's training school	7 50
Howard College	178 69
Ministerial education	715 12
Orphanage	1,271 17
	\$68,888 73

A CALIFORNIAN'S Successful Experiments with Food.

A man in California took up the question of food, to see if he could recover from an old case of dyspepsia from which nux vomica, pepsin and other remedies gave him no relief.

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THE EDITOR, IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, SUMS UP THE FEATURES OF THE CONVENTION AT DOTHAN.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, who today returned from the Alabama State Baptist convention at Dothan, said that the convention was the greatest, most enthusiastic and most far-reaching in its results ever held in Alabama.

"Movements were set on foot," said Mr. Barnett, "for advance along all denominational lines, and it was the sense of the body that owing to the fact that the centennial of the Baptists in Alabama will be celebrated next year, this occasion will be used to emphasize the things for which Baptists have stood throughout the century. It is the purpose at some time during the year to hold a great meeting in which the most noted speakers and leaders, of thought will deliver a series of addresses with a view to not only informing the Baptists but also other people in regard to their history and doctrines.

"During the year throughout the state centennial services will be held in which each local church will have its history read and progress reviewed and outline plans for future activity. It was also determined that every fifth Sunday would be utilized for a coming together of the various churches in the counties to discuss their local welfare and plan for a campaign of education along mission lines. The

great central meeting above referred to will come as a climax to these lesser meetings. The time and place for it will be arranged by a special committee which the convention appointed for that purpose. One hundred thousand dollars will be raised as a centennial offering during the year for missions.

"Education, as usual, was prominently to the front in the convention, and Dr. Montague, of Howard college, and Dr. Patrick, of Judson college, both presented unusually fine reports of the year just closed. It was the unanimous sense of the convention that Howard college and the Judson should be brought closer to the hearts of the people. Amid much enthusiasm it was decided to erect a science hall for Howard college and the sum of \$4,000 was immediately raised for that object. Plans of the contemplated new building at Judson were shown by Dr. Patrick and great interest was manifested.

"Possibly the greatest feature of the convention was the inauguration of the Baptist laymen's movement, headed by J. W. Minor, of Ensley. The purpose of the movement is chiefly to raise money for missions and assist generally in helping to finance the Baptist institutions. The movement inaugurated by Judge Henry B. Foster, by which the laymen of Alabama are to raise a large fund for aged and in-

firm ministers, was timely and greatly appreciated, and was entered into most heartily.

"Brooks Lawrence, of the Anti-Saloon League, was on hand and gave the cause of temperance a great impetus among the delegates.

"The women had a most enthusiastic meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, of Montgomery. It was unanimously decided by them that the central committee should open an office in Birmingham to carry on the women's mission work in Alabama. Mrs. D. M. Malone, of Birmingham, who for years has given her time unselfishly to the women's work, was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer and will be in charge of the office. This will mean a great advance along all mission lines.

"Dr. W. B. Crumpton, secretary of the mission board, was the happiest man at the convention, as the state board reported no debts. Judge Denson, who was unanimously re-elected president of the convention, presided with such fairness that although at times the debate was spirited, yet the utmost good fellowship prevailed. The welcome address by Chief Justice John R. Tyson pleased the Baptists greatly, as he enunciated most clearly some points that at present are live issues in Alabama."

## CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS

Bro. Crumpton as usual had little to say and set well up to the front, but put in at critical times and saved much waste of time.

The report of the trustees of Scottsboro institute was read by W. B. Crumpton. It showed a very prosperous year with 206 pupils. The girls' dormitory is full and needs enlargement and funds are being raised for a boys' dormitory. The home board will give \$5,000. The school is gaining favor with the people. W. L. Yarbrough is the principal.

The special committee appointed with Dr. Stakely as chairman to consider the report of the committee on centennial celebration of the first Baptist church organized in Alabama heartily endorsed the recommendations made in the latter's report, which was principally that \$100,000 be raised for missions during the next convention year and that a suitable programme be prepared for the Roanoke assembly next July.

Dr. Stakely showed that this would mean only 62 1-2 cents for every Baptist in the state. After enthusiastic discussion the report was adopted by a rising vote, the denomination thereby pledging itself to reach the mark of \$1,000 for every year of the past century of Baptist principles in the state.

The eighty-sixth gathering of Alabama Baptists will be counted in the history of the denomination as one of the best ever held.

With one mind all the guests are loud in their praises of the hospitality shown by the people of all denominations in Dothan in the entertainment extended. Right royally did the citizens open their homes to the visitors and right heartily did the latter appreciate their kindness.

The convention closed with a love feast in which more than a dozen prominent speakers took part. Especially pleasing was the speech of Prof. C. J. Owens, of Abbeville. The old Baptist love feast song, "Blest Be the Tie," was sung and the closing prayer was offered by Dr. Crumpton.

Rev. A. J. Keyton, of Dothan, was on hand constantly doing much to add to the comfort of the delegates.

The Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society held its meeting Tuesday afternoon. Annual reports which were read show that the society has a membership of 170. There have been but two deaths in the five years' history of the society. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. W. B. Crumpton, of Montgomery; secretary and treasurer, Rev. W. J. Elliott. The executive committee consists of the officers and the following: Dr. C. A. Stakely, Rev. J. W. O'Hara and Rev. J. H. Bush, all of Montgomery.

The report of the orphanage was read by John W. Stewart. It chronicles with sadness the death of P. M. Bruner, a long time faithful friend of the institution. It has been a year of advancement. Mrs. Garret, Miss Susie Bevis and Mrs. Jones, during the year, have left us. Mr. C. E. Carter has taken charge of the farm. During the year seventy-two have come to the home, making now 172. The family has increased 45 per cent and the gifts only 7 per cent. Thirty-three children have professed conversion and been baptized. Friends in the Tennessee River Association sent a car load of corn which was much appreciated. The report shows \$13,427.07 as gifts and expenditures of \$19,401.18, hence \$6,180.61 borrowed money. Some of this was paid for the new building. The new buildings are practically complete.

Healing Springs Industrial Academy had 63 pupils. Prof. Brock is the principal. The school has bright prospects. The Tombigbee railroad has reached within 1 1-2 miles of the place and settlers are coming in. There is a good church and the pupils attend its services.

The report on ministerial education was read by J. M. Shelburne. It showed fifty-nine ministerial students at Howard and seven at Louisville. Most of these remained all the year, but some had to go home before the year closed. Most of the men were possessed with a strong purpose to do his best.

The following committees were appointed to report at the Dothan session:

Co-operation—W. M. Blackwelder, J. L. Thompson, Paul V. Bomar.

To Confer with Newton Brethren—H. S. D. Malory, J. R. Tyson, D. C. Cooper, G. G. Miles.

On Centennial—Charles A. Stakely, Paul V. Bomar, J. K. Foster, Austin Crouch, Richard Hall, J. W. Sandlin, G. L. Yates, R. E. Pettus.

Nominations—W. M. Blackwelder, T. W. Palmer, W. A. Tafiaferro, Wallace Wear, A. A. Hutto, Henry B. Foster, M. Cody.

On Time and Place—J. E. Barnes, P. C. Barclay, B. F. Davidson, A. J. Preston, W. W. Lee, A. P. Wood.

Howard college was well to the front, and Dr. Montague, by his able address and platform ability, succeeded in a short while in raising \$4,000 for the establishment of a department of science. This is only a beginning, and Dr. Montague is very much encouraged with the prospect for this new department. Ringing addresses in the interest of the college were delivered by J. B. Ellis, of Selma; W. A. Bell, of Anniston; Sam Carroll, of Troy; Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, and Dr. W. D. Hubbard, Dr. Gray speaking in eulogistic terms of the conspicuous and contagious enthusiasm with which Dr. Montague secured the \$100,000 endowment for Howard.

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## WOMAN'S MEETING.

REPORTED BY MRS. J. W. O'HARA.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Alabama convened in the Presbyterian church, Dothan, Ala., Tuesday, July 23, 1907.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. M. Anderson, of Dothan Baptist church.

The president being absent, Mrs. Charles Stakely, of Montgomery, was called to the chair. She presided in her usual graceful and dignified manner.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by the following ladies:

Mrs. William Blackshear, Presbyterian.

Mrs. J. W. Peterson, Methodist.

Mrs. R. D. Blackshear, Baptist.

They were responded to by Mrs. W. H. Samford. Every visitor who listened to their sweet words was made to feel the depth and true sincerity of welcome which lay beneath.

Reports of state officers were read and adopted. Especial mention should be made of the report of the "Young Woman's Auxiliary," organized last year and which has done such splendid work under the able leadership of Mrs. J. W. Vesey. The auxiliary supported a young lady in the training school at Louisville the past session and contemplates such work this year.

Report of the state treasurer was adopted with a vote of "thanks" for her untiring zeal and devotion.

The orphanage report was made by Mrs. N. E. Hitt. She presented three little ones from that institution, who recited the 17th Psalm before the ladies. There are at present 175 children in the home.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor spoke of the excellency of the work at Evergreen under Mr. Stewart's direction, and Mrs. Alexander Miller gave hints from the work in Virginia.

Morning session dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Smith, of Prattville.

The ladies of the Baptist church tendered a reception to the visitors in the church parlors on Wednesday evening.

## WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were led by Miss Alice Huey. Our missionaries in China were remembered in a chain prayer.

"Foreign Missions," by Miss Alice McGaugh, who emphasized the great need of physicians, trained nurses, teachers and schools. Many children growing up in heathendom because of lack of room in schools.

"Home Missions," Mrs. W. M. Anderson, who spoke of the work in Oklahoma.

Pledges amounting to \$110 were taken for the completion of the Tichenor Memorial.

"The Apportionment," by Mrs. Alexander Miller, of Oxford, who handled the subject in a masterly way, clearly depicting the duty of systematic and cheerful giving of our means to the Lord's work.

Mrs. Robert Ghent, of Dothan, sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

"The Margaret Home," by Mrs. T. W. Hannon. People of Montgomery feel a special interest in this home, as the donor was a Montgomery girl years ago.

"Importance of Training Workers," Mrs. D. M. Malone, who showed clearly the necessity of special education for our Christian work.

Pledges were taken for the Louisville training school. There is a movement on foot for the purchasing of a \$25,000 home for this school. Alabama women were asked to help.

Mrs. R. S. Gavin spoke on "Importance of Mission Study."

Miss Alice Huey spoke of the beauty of symmetrical training and Miss Bessie Massey told of the work being done at the Judson by the "Ann Haseltine Society."

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Exercises led by Mrs. W. E. Hudmon. "State Missions" discussed by Mrs. J. W. O'Hara, who empha-

sized the importance of all state institutions, and the need for greater zeal on the part of our societies, teachers and preachers in the support of the same, and for the evangelization of our state.

Mrs. Yarborough made a plea for Scottsboro institute. Mrs. Stakely suggested that the ladies send books to form a nucleus for a library at that place.

The reports of vice presidents of associations were listened to with interest.

In the absence of our state organizer, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, the report on Sunbeam work was read by Mrs. Malone.

Mrs. Alex Miller, in her eloquent and charming way, spoke of the "Importance of Observing Children's Day," thus training the little ones to love the cause of missions.

Mrs. J. E. James read an interesting paper on the influence of mothers, how they may encourage or discourage by their attitude toward the work.

The Committee on Plan of Work, Mrs. Charles Stakely, chairman, recommend:

1. Observance of week of prayer for state missions in October. That we adopt the mission calendar.

2. Ten weeks missionary course prepared by the educational secretary of the Southern Baptist convention.

3. That we establish mission rooms in Birmingham; combine office of secretary and treasurer; make it a paid office, with power to employ all clerical help needed.

4. That ten institutes under direction of the Central Committee be held during the year. Four workers to be paid by state board to give information on missions.

5. That we have an honor roll for W. M. U. auxiliary and Sunbeam bands, this to be printed in the Alabama Baptist.

6. That state missions be increased 50 per cent.

7. That we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Baptist church in Alabama by raising \$100,000 for missions.

Committee on Memorials reported the following deaths:

Mrs. W. B. Nicholls, Lafayette.

Mrs. W. C. Bledsoe, Lafayette.

Mrs. A. L. Duffy, Jackson's Gap.

Mrs. Mary Kyser, Talladega.

Miss Lucy Péttingill, Gadsden.

Mrs. S. G. Follensbee, Montgomery.

Mrs. Morgan Johnson, Montgomery.

Reports of other committees were read and approved.

Our dear Mrs. Malone, in her own sweet way, thanked the women of Alabama for their love, co-operation and sympathy and agreed to assume the combined office of secretary and treasurer.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung as a parting hymn, the vice presidents and officers standing in a line as the throng moved past taking them by the hand, pledging loyal support for the year that lies before.

## STATEMENT TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Alabama Baptist state convention in Montgomery on the 3d day of May, 1907, the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The title to the property of the Marion Military Institute is vested in a self-perpetuating board of trustees; and,

Whereas, The instrument by which the title is so vested contains a clause which provides that if the Alabama Baptist state convention appropriates \$50,000 for an endowment of the institution, the board of trustees shall deed the property to said convention; and,

Whereas, A like clause is contained in said instrument, giving the same privilege to the State of Alabama; and,

Whereas, At the request of the Board of Trustees

of said institute, the state has through the legislature, relinquished its privilege; and the Board of Trustees desires that the Alabama Baptist State Convention make the same relinquishment:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the convention recommend that the convention relinquish its privilege under said instrument.

The object of this resolution, as of the special act passed by the present legislature of the State of Alabama, is to open the way for the trustees to build on the foundation at Marion, and to enable them to carry out more fully the purpose and intent of the deed and the will of the founders. The purpose and intent of the deed was that the said lots of land and buildings thereon at Marion should be "used as a college and schools connected therewith and for no other purpose" under the control of a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, composed of seven members of whom a majority must be Baptists. This object has been realized in the Marion Military Institute, which during the twenty years of its life has done a work of great usefulness to the cause of Christian education. But the will of the founders was on this foundation, "to do the greatest possible amount of good for all time." To effect this more fully, and to increase and perpetuate the usefulness of this institution for the cause of Christian education, the Board of Trustees have secured a new charter from the state enlarging the scope and powers of the institute, and are endeavoring to secure an adequate endowment for the institute, which was one of the cherished purposes of the founders. The trustees have strong assurance of being able to enlarge the usefulness of the institute if the two contingent clauses in the deed of the property are set aside by due process of law. These clauses refer to a contingent interest of the state of Alabama and of the Alabama Baptist state convention in the property at Marion. The state of Alabama, by a recent special act of the legislature, has generously waived its interest; and the resolution of the board of directors has in view similar action on the part of the Alabama Baptist state convention.

The clause referred to in the deed reads as follows:

"Believing it would be unwise to carry on a denominational college or institution of high grade with a smaller endowment than fifty thousand dollars in money (which is the estimated cost of the property here dedicated), and as an appreciative evidence of the want of such an institution, we hereby make it a condition of this indenture that if the Baptists of the State of Alabama, through their convention, desire the property for the purpose of carrying on such an institution of learning, and will raise an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars in cash or its equivalent, and will elect a board of trustees of nine members selected because of their financial sagacity and of their interest in a Christian education, the nomination for the members of the board and to fill the vacancies as they occur, to be made to the convention by its president, secretary and treasurer, and the terms of office of one-third of the members of the board to expire every two years, and shall agree to elect a faculty for the institution as above provided, the said property shall be turned over to such Board of Trustees for the convention."

This deed was executed on the 3rd day of February, 1888, by William W. Wilkerson and his wife, Sarah W. Wilkerson, and Jesse B. Lovelace and his wife, Mary A. Lovelace, to J. T. Murfee. Realizing the need of a college for the denomination, and apprehending that Howard college might not be established at East Lake, these Christian donors appended the above clause to the deed. The distinguished success of Howard college under its present management assures a great college for the denomination; and the Board of Directors therefore have recommended to the convention that they waive any interest which may be theirs under the deed of the property of the Marion Institute and thus open the way for the larger development of this institution and its usefulness to the cause of Christian education.

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When on my knees I knelt to pray,  
Then, blissful hour, remembered well,  
I learned thy love, Immanuel.

When storms of sorrow toss my soul;  
When waves of care around me roll;  
When comfort sinks, when joy shall flee;  
When hopeless griefs shall gape for me,  
One word the tempest rage shall quell,  
That word, thy name, Immanuel.  
When for the truth I suffer shame;  
When foes pour scandal on my name;  
When cruel taunts and jeers abound;  
When "Bulls of Basham" gird me round,  
Secure within thy tower I'll dwell,  
That tower, thy grace, Immanuel.

When hell paraged lifts up her roar;  
When Satan stops my path before;  
When fiends rejoice and wait my end;  
When legions hosts their arrows send,  
Fear not my soul, but here at hell—  
Thy battle cry, Immanuel.

When down the hill of life I go;  
When o'er my feet death's waters flow;  
When in the deepening flood I sink;  
When friends stand weeping on the brink,  
I'll mingle with my last farewell  
Thy lovely name, Immanuel.

When tears are banished from mine eye;  
When fairer worlds than these are nigh;  
When heaven shall fill my lavished sight;  
When I shall bathe in sweet delight,  
One joy, all joys shall far excell,  
To see thy face, Immanuel.

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**OBITUARY.**  
The angel of death has entered the home of our good friend and brother, Captain G. A. Ferrell. First in the death of his wife and about one month from that time came the death of his daughter, Mrs. Tollman. They were both members of the Baptist church. Sister Ferrell has been a faithful member 47 years. She is missed very much in the ladies meeting and Sunday school and was a great inspiration to her pastor. Sister Tollman possessed many of her mother's noble traits of character. May the husbands and children of these good women find comfort in our God who is ever ready to heal broken hearts.  
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**THE AFTERNOON TEA.**  
Betty McGee to an afternoon tea  
Invited my dollie, my kittle and me.  
"An afternoon tea, in the morning at nine,  
And please to be prompt in the rain or the shine.  
The tea will be cocoa, of course, you must know,"  
Said Betty to me; and I promised to go.

An afternoon tea is the stylishest thing;  
I put on my prettiest necklace and ring,  
And mamma's long skirts, and a bonnet of red,  
And did up my hair on the top of my head.  
I made dolly sweet in a blue kimono,  
And dressed kitty up in her very best bow.  
Then I took sister's cardcase, with cards for us three—  
I know how to act at an afternoon tea!

But what do you think! When the morning had come,  
And we asked if Miss Betty McGee was at home,  
They giggled and said she had gone out to play;  
She must have forgotten that this was the day!  
Forgotten her guests, though the clock stood at nine,  
And we were all ready for rain or for shine!

Forgotten the cocoa—forgotten it all,  
While she was unstylishly playing at ball!  
"Please tell her," I said in my haughtiest way,  
"It was very bad form." Then we bade them good-day,  
And this was the end of the afternoon tea  
For poor little dollie, and kitty, and me.  
—The Churchman.

**AN APPLE LESSON.**  
Carolyn Wells in July St. Nicholas.  
When teacher called the apple class,  
they gathered round to see  
What question deep in apple lore their task that day might be.

"Now, tell me," said the teacher to little Polly Brown,  
"Do apple seeds grow pointing up, or are they pointing down?"

Poor Polly didn't know, for she had never thought to look,  
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If apple seeds point up or down! But, then, my dear, do you?

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The property of both churches will be disposed of and the proceeds will be used in the erection of an edifice at a central point on the Highlands between the present churches.

The North Highlands church held a meeting yesterday morning and unanimously voted to unite. The Fountain Heights church held a meeting yesterday afternoon and also unanimously decided to join with the other church.

At the meeting last night, the Rev. James D. Ray was elected chairman, and G. N. Henderson, clerk, after which the permanent organization was formed and Mr. Ray elected as pastor of the new church. A committee on location was then appointed, which will make a report at a meeting to be held in the near future. Services will continue in both churches for the present as they have in the past, Dr. Ray conducting the North Highlands and Dr. J. A. Hendricks, the temporary pastor, will continue to hold services at the Fountain Heights church until the new church is completed.

The congregation of the Fountain Heights church is composed of residents of Fountain Heights and Smithfield. Practically all of the Fountain Heights portion were in favor of uniting with the North Highlands church, while the Smithfield delegation were opposed to the move. As a result of this opposition, a good deal of discussion was aroused among the church members. At the meeting yesterday afternoon the vote was largely in favor of uniting, after which the Smithfield members decided to vote for it and make it unanimous.

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 But you've such a big foot  
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 On a shoe of the style they use now."

I said to the Tree: "You are queer;  
 Your trunk is all packed, but I fear  
 You can't leave until spring,  
 When—a curious thing!—  
 You must still remain standing right here."

To a green red blackberry I said:  
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Wednesday evening closed one of the greatest revivals that Midway has ever known. The services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Ray, one of the leading evangelists of Alabama. It was indeed a treat to hear the wonderful sermons delivered by this noble man of God. Much good has been accomplished during this meeting. Many have been led to Christ through the earnest preaching. All are looking forward to the time when we will have the great pleasure of having Mr. Ray in our midst again.

On the 17th Mr. A. E. White, of South Carolina, and Miss Emma Faucett, of Alabama, were married at the residence of Mr. E. P. Mickle, of Roanoke, the writer officiating. Both parties are Christians and belong to good families. Their many friends expect for them vigorous and useful lives. They will reside at Spartanburg, S. C.—John P. Shaffer.

I have just held a gracious meeting at Clayhatchie church, in Dale county. Through sunshine and showers it continued with unabated interest for ten days. This church was constituted in 1848 and through all these years has held its onward course. Church and community revived and twenty-seven additions; 22 baptized.—R. M. Hunter.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors and friends for the kind assistance rendered during the sickness, death and burial of our dear old father, J. A. Sapp, who departed this life July 15, 1907.—J. B. Sapp and wife, Bremen, Ala.

Please give notice that the Selma Association will meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August at Mt. Gilead church in Lowndes county, near Benton, on the Western of Alabama Railway. Come all that can.—Lewis Johnson, Moderator.

I leave for the convention tomorrow. The church asks me to take three weeks' vacation, my salary to continue, and they pay for the supply. Does that not show that these are people of the highest type? God bless them.—J. O. Colley, July 22.

Because of malarial attack as well as some other things I was forced to forego the pleasure of attending the convention at Dothan, but I noted with genuine pleasure the reports of a great meeting.

On last Sunday I tendered my resignation to my people here. It is to take effect the last of August. I am enjoying the Baptist very much.—C. C. Heard.

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